

1. (Amended) A cross-linking compound which comprises:
- (a) an anhydrous [anhycrous] hydrocarbon compound liquid at ambient temperature;
 - (b) having at least one di- or poly- [element chosen from] Group VI-A element[s] of the periodic table of elements; and
 - (c) a natural or synthetic polymer liquid at ambient temperature having a molecular weight less than 70,000.
12. (Amended) A cross-linking compound which comprises:
- (a) an anhydrous hydrocarbon compound liquid at ambient temperature;
 - (b) molecules or chemical moieties having two or more Group VI-A elements of the periodic table of elements; and
 - (c) a natural or synthetic polymer liquid at ambient temperature having a molecular weight less than 70,000.

Cancel Claims 11, 36, 37 and 38.

Add new Claims 49, 50 and 51 as follows:

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- ~~--49. A cross-linking compound which comprises:~~
- ~~(a) an anhydrous hydrocarbon compound liquid at ambient temperature having elemental sulfur, oxygen or selenium therein; and~~
 - ~~(b) an ethylenic polymer liquid at ambient temperature having a molecular weight less than 70,000.~~

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